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## BAY AREA INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING (BAIFA)

April 23, 2014  
MINUTES

### Attendance

Authority Chair Worth called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m. Other Authority members present were: Authority Vice Chair Dodd, Glover, Haggerty, Sartipi and Spering. Other MTC Commissioners present were: Commissioners Aguirre, Campos, Giacomini, Halsted, Kinsey and Mackenzie.

### Item 2: Consent Calendar

Upon the motion of Commissioner Dodd and second by Commissioner Spering, the following items on the Consent Calendar were approved unanimously.

- 2a: Minutes of the March 14, 2014 meeting
- 2b: Cooperative Agreement – Oversight of Final Design and Right-of-Way Phases for I-680 Express Lanes Southern Segment in Contra Costa County: Caltrans. (\$505,000)

### Item 3: Contract Amendment - Express Lane Toll System Manager: Atkins North America, Inc.\* (\$3,800,000)

Jim Macrae, MTC Operations Section staff, requested the Authority's approval to execute a contract amendment to continue toll system management support and technical assistance for BAIFA's express lanes.

Commissioner Spering asked about changes in facility management technology. Mr. Macrae advised that BAIFA will use current technology but applied somewhat differently to address the planned extensive network of open access express lanes not seen elsewhere in the country. BAIFA plans to use "state of the practice" technology when construction begins.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Spering and second by Authority Vice Chair Dodd, the Authority unanimously authorized the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with Atkins North America, Inc. to continue providing consulting services to assist with the development, procurement, and implementation of the electronic tolling system for the initial and potentially future phase(s) of the BAIFA-authorized Regional Express Lane Network (BAIFA's express lanes) in FY 2014-15. The Chief Financial Officer was directed to set aside funds in the amount of \$3,800,000 for such contract amendment.

**Item 4a: CHP Enforcement of BAIFA's Express Lanes**

Pierce Gould, MTC Operations section staff, presented preliminary recommendations to contract with CHP for supplemental enforcement of BAIFA's express lanes. Joining the presentation was Paul Fontana, CHP Chief, Golden Gate Division. Mr. Gould noted that the State's contribution to enforcing eligibility to travel toll free in High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes and BAIFA's future express lanes would be a topic for negotiation with Caltrans and CHP.

Commissioner Haggerty asked if the preliminary recommendations related to the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (ACTC's) express lanes. Mr. Gould responded they only related to BAIFA's express lanes. Commissioner Haggerty indicated that ACTC's I-680 Southbound express lane could benefit from more enforcement.

**Public Comment:**

Ken Bukoski suggested additional advertisement or public outreach be considered.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Glover and second by Commissioner Spring, the Authority unanimously approved the recommended preliminary enforcement approach for BAIFA's express lanes beginning with the Contra Costa I-680 Southern Segment (Alcosta to Livorna/Rudgear). Staff will return in spring 2015 with a final proposal.

**Item 4b: Caltrans Policies and Agreements**

Lisa Klein, MTC Operations section staff, noted that express lanes are a primary strategy MTC and Caltrans are implementing to more effectively manage the region's freeways. She highlighted Caltrans policies and agreements that affect construction and operation of express lanes. Staff has consistently maintained that express lanes are part of the solution for gaps in current freeway system management; however, they cannot be expected to solve long-standing challenges alone and must be undertaken in the context of the broader Transportation Management System (TMS) framework.

She explained that BAIFA and Caltrans will need to enter into an operations and maintenance agreement to formalize roles, responsibilities and terms for activities during the operations phase. Historically, these agreements have been a challenge to finalize as express lane operators and Caltrans may have diverging views on various topics such as the level of maintenance services, how they will be provided and at what cost. Progress will be reported as the project proceeds.

Authority Chair Worth thanked Caltrans for the partnership and leadership in this process.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m. The next Authority meeting date will be on May 14, 2014 in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA.